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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Amendment in Response to Office Action

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

The above identified applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner of Patents consider the enclosed remarks and enter the following submission into the record, in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers. If the Office requires additional action that may benefit from a telephone call, Applicant invites a call to its attorney of record, Nathan W. Johnson (Reg. No. 44,173). E-mail correspondence and transactions to NJohnson@BradleyArant.com are authorized and encouraged.

Amendments to the Specification – begin on Page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims – begin on Page 6 of this paper

Amendments to the Drawings begin on Page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, replacement sheets (A) and annotated sheets (B) showing changes for drawings, as well as a definition of "mure" (C) is attached beginning at page 16 of this paper.

A Certificate of Express Mailing is attached to the transmittal letter of this paper.